

FIG. 1

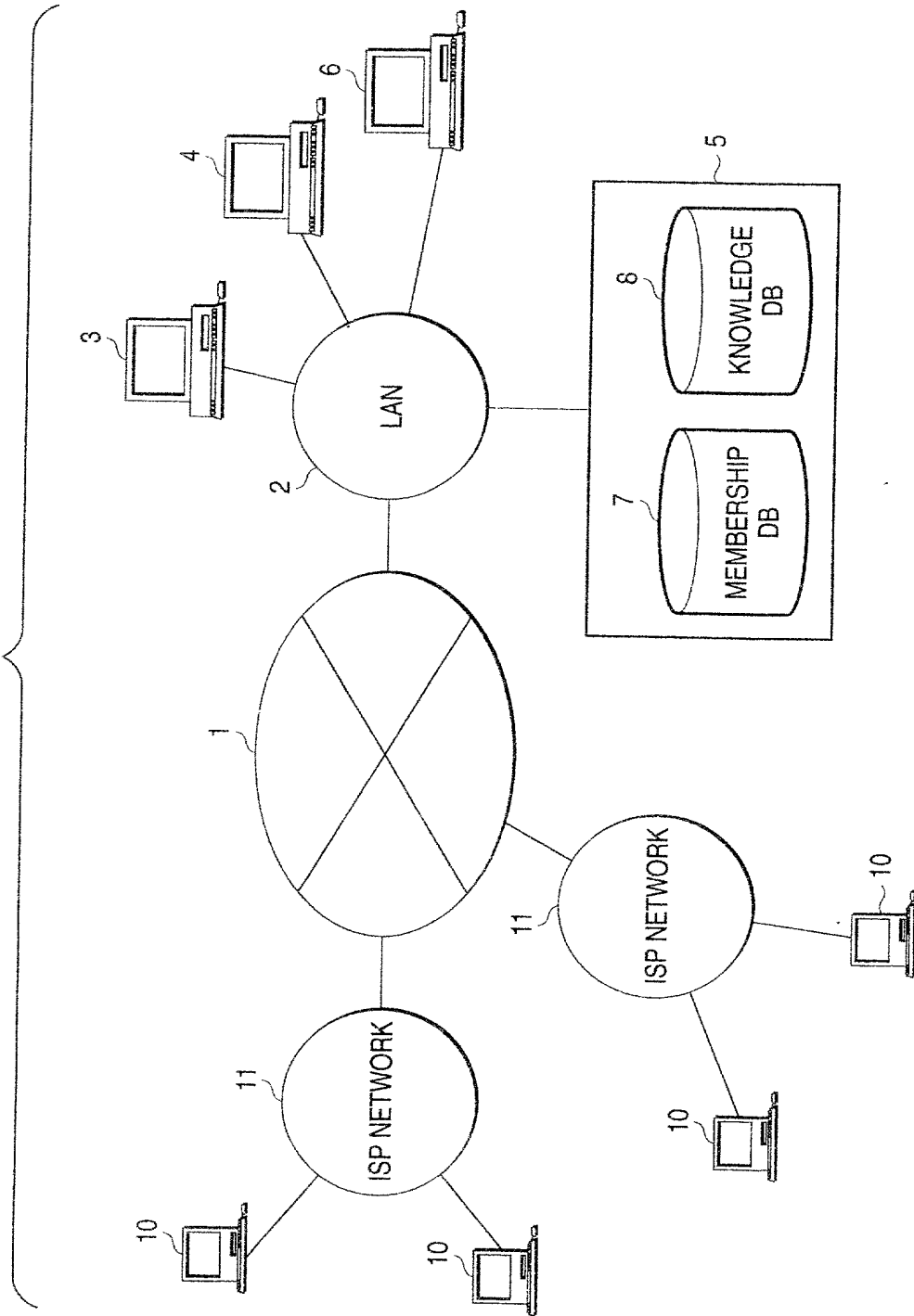


FIG. 2

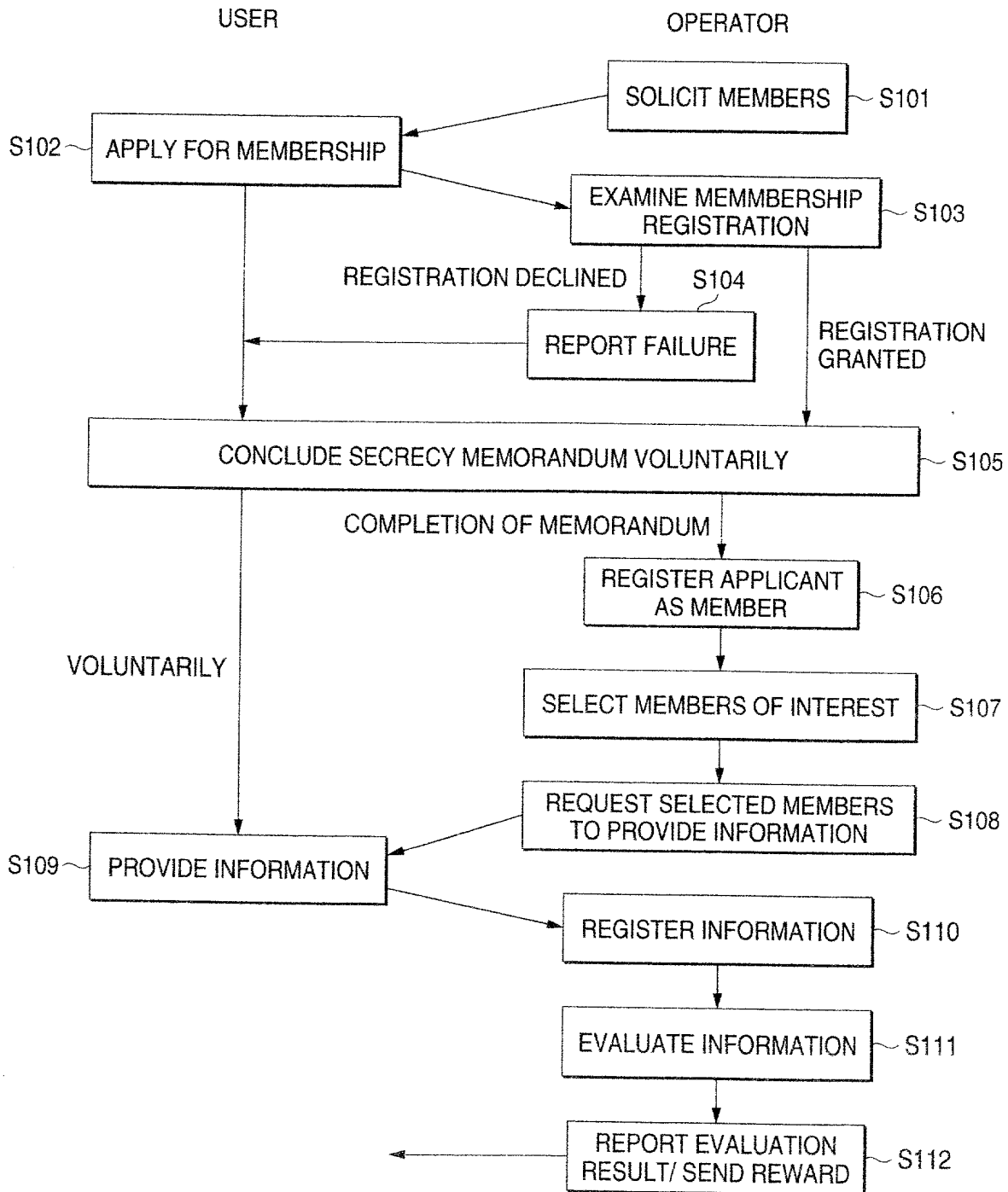


FIG. 3

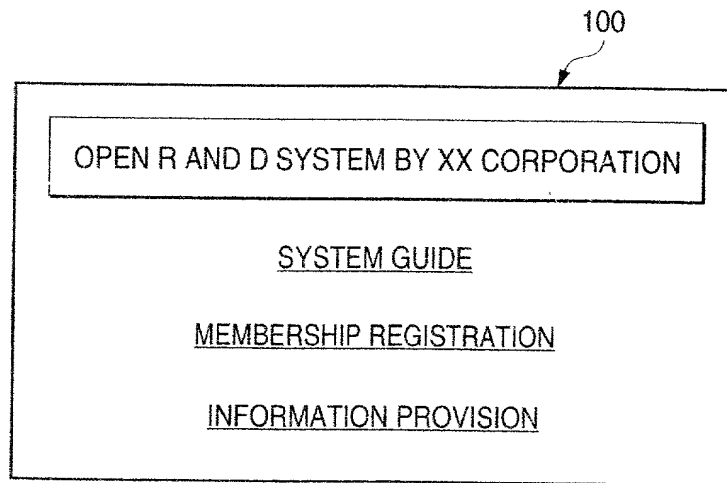


FIG. 4

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MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION PAGE

1. FULL OUT BOXES RELATING TO YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION.

NAME: SEX: ▼

DATE OF BIRTH: YEAR: MONTH: DAY: AGE:

ADDRESS: ▼ ▼

E-MAIL ADDRESS:

PHONE NO.:

FACSIMILE NO.:

OCCUPATION: ▼

OFFICE NAME:

JOB TITLE:

2. ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS IN RELATION TO YOUR BACKGROUND.

Q1: WHAT IS YOUR SPECIALIZED ENGINEERING FIELD?

☐ METALLURGY ☐ MECHANICAL SYSTEM ☐ ELECTRICITY ☐ ELECTRONICS

☐ OPTICS ☐ PHYSICS ☐ BIOLOGY ☐ AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY

☐ CHEMISTRY ☐ BIOTECHNOLOGY ☐ MANAGEMENT ☐ CONSTRUCTION

☐ ENVIRONMENT ☐ NUCLEAR POWER

☐ OTHER

Q2: HOW MANY YEARS OF R AND D EXPERIENCE DO YOU HAVE? YEARS

Q3: ARE YOU A MEMBER OF ANY SOCIETY?

☐ YES ☐ NO

SOCIETY NAME:

Q4: HOW MANY PAPERS HAVE YOU PUBLISHED THUS FAR?

Q5: HOW MANY PATENT APPLICATIONS HAVE YOU FILED THUS FAR?

FIG. 5A

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DEAR MR. XX

THANK YOU FOR APPLYING TO BE A MEMBER OF OUR R AND D DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM. HAVING EXAMINED YOUR QUALIFICATIONS FOR MRMBERSHIP, WE WOULD LIKE TO REGISTER YOU AS A MEMBER.

TO THIS END, WE WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOU TO CONCLUDE A SECRECY MEMORANDUM, AS FOLLOWS:

SECRECY MEMORANDUM

1. XXX CORPORATION ...
- 2.
- 3.

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120b

FIG. 5A is a screenshot of a user interface for a membership application. It features a main container labeled 120. Inside, there is a greeting 'DEAR MR. XX', a thank-you message for applying to a 'R AND D DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM', and a request to register as a member. Below this, it asks the user to conclude a 'SECRECY MEMORANDUM'. A scrollable box contains a list with three items: '1. XXX CORPORATION ...', '2.', and '3.'. At the bottom of the container are two buttons: '120a' (labeled 'AGREE') and '120b' (labeled 'DO NOT AGREE').

FIG. 5B

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DEAR MR. XX

THANK YOU FOR APPLYING TO BE MEMBER OF OUR R AND D DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM. HAVING EXAMINED YOUR QUALIFICATIONS FOR MRMBERSHIP, WE ARE AFRAID THAT WE MUST DECLINE YOUR APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION.

FIG. 5B is a screenshot of a user interface, similar to FIG. 5A, but with a different outcome. It shows the same greeting and thank-you message. However, instead of asking to conclude a secrecy memorandum, it states: 'WE ARE AFRAID THAT WE MUST DECLINE YOUR APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION.' The container is labeled 121.

FIG. 6

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SEND TRANSFER PRINT DELETE BACK NEXT

SENDER: web:aster@xx.xxx.co.jp
DATE: XX XX, 2000
ADDRESS: MR. XXX, XXX SECTION
SUBJECT: SOLICIT NEW INFORMATION
ATTACHED FILE: abc.xyz

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INFORMATION FROM OPEN R AND D SYSTEM BY XX CORPORATION

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DEAR MEMBERS,
WE SOLICIT FROM OUR MEMBERS ENGINEERING INFORMATION
PERTAINING TO THE FOLLOWING TOPIC.

TECHNICAL TOPIC: ...
SOLICITATION NUMBER: 1234-5678

PLEASE SEND US PROMISING INFORMATION BY ACCESSING THE
INFORMATION PROVISION PAGE OF OUR CORPORATION.
<http://www.xxx.co.jp/>
FOR DETAILS OF THE TECHNICAL TOPIC, PLEASE READ THE ATTACHED
FILE.

FIG. 7A

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INFORMATION PROVISION PAGE

** ENTER LOG-IN INFORMATION **

NAME OF MEMBER:

MEMBERSHIP NUMBER:

PASSWORD:

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FIG. 7B

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** ENTRY OF ENGINEERING INFORMATION **

PROVISION OF INFORMATION ☐ APPLY TO - SOLICITATION NO.

☐ FREE TOPIC

- TECHNICAL FIELD ▼

ENGINEERING INFORMATION

APPENDED FILE:

DEVELOPMENT STATUS: ▼ FEASIBILITY: ▼

INFORMATION: ☐ RELEASED ☐ NOT RELEASED

PATENT APPLICATION: ☐ FILED ☐ NOT FILED

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FIG. 8

SEND TRANSFER PRINT DELETE BACK NEXT

SENDER: web:aster@xx.xxx.co.jp
DATE: xx xx, 2000
ADDRESS: MR. XXX, XXX SECTION
SUBJECT: INFORMATION EVALUATION RESULT

INFORMATION FROM OPEN R AND D SYSTEM BY XX CORPORATION

DEAR MEMBERS MR. XXX,
IN CONNECTION WITH THE ENGINEERING INFORMATION OFFERED
BY YOU ON THE DATE XXX, XXX, XXX, WE PROVIDE YOU WITH AN
EVALUATION REPORT, AS DESCRIBED BELOW.

EVALUATION RANK: A
REWARD FOR INFORMATION: ¥X,XXX
INFORMATION USE: USE
REQUEST FROM OUR CORPORATION: DESIRE YOUR PARTICIPATION IN
A PROJECT

PLEASE REFER TO CURRENT STATUS OF INFORMATION BY ACCESSING.
<http://www.xxx.co.jp/>
IF YOU ACCEPT OUR PROPOSAL, PLEASE CARRY OUT FORMALITIES BY
ACCESSING.
<http://www.xxx.co.jp/>

FIG. 9

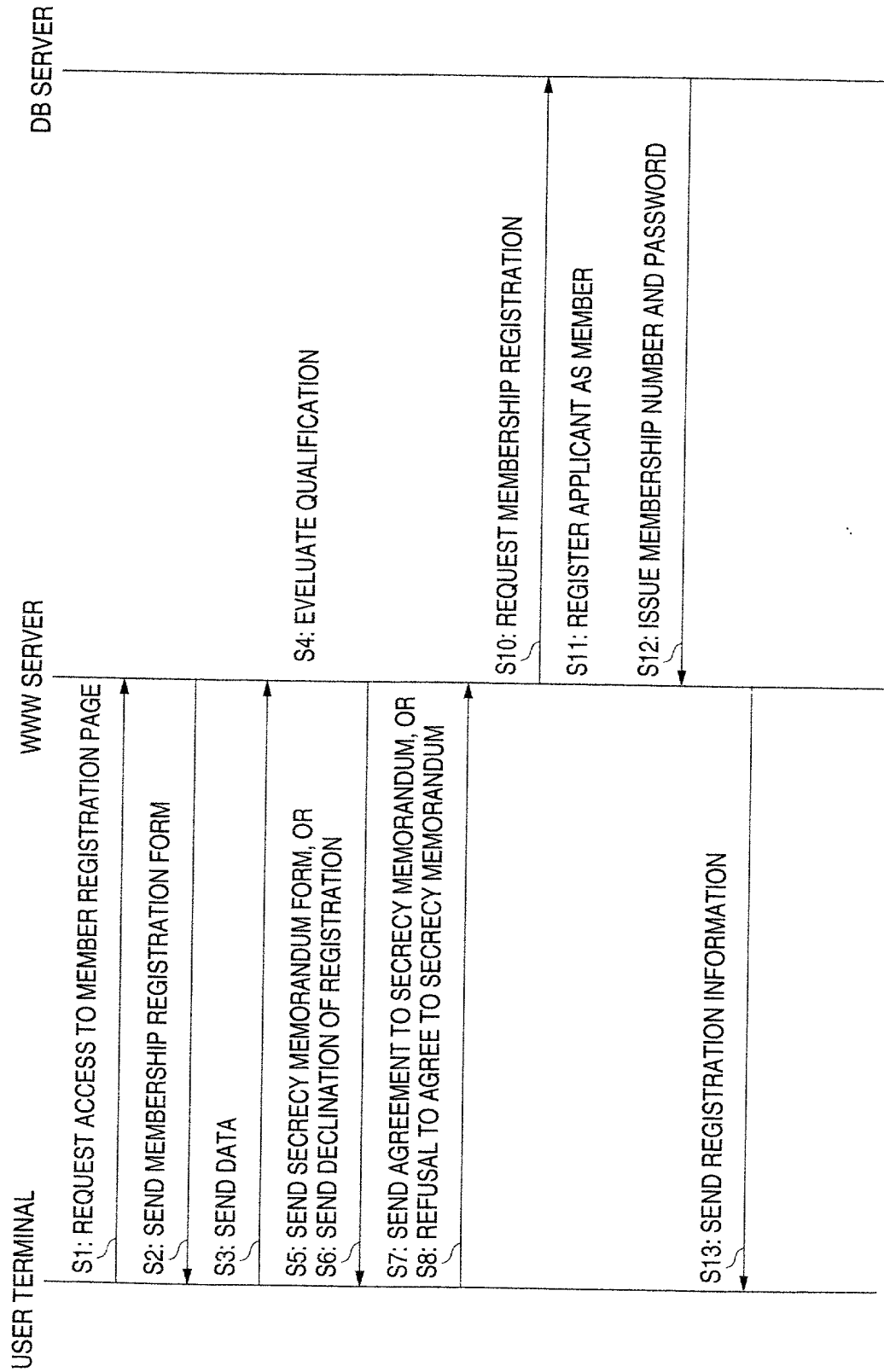


FIG. 10

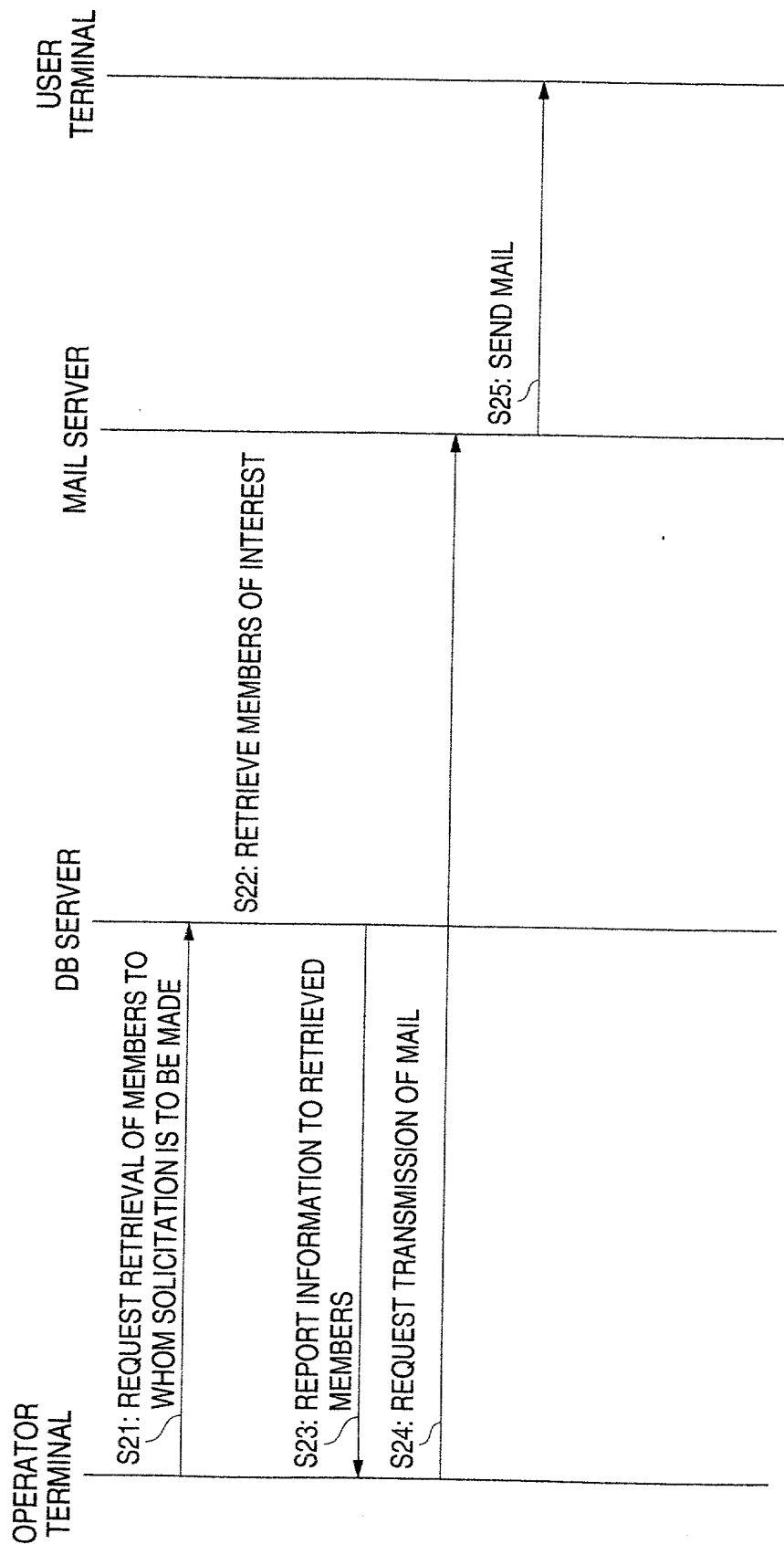


FIG. 11

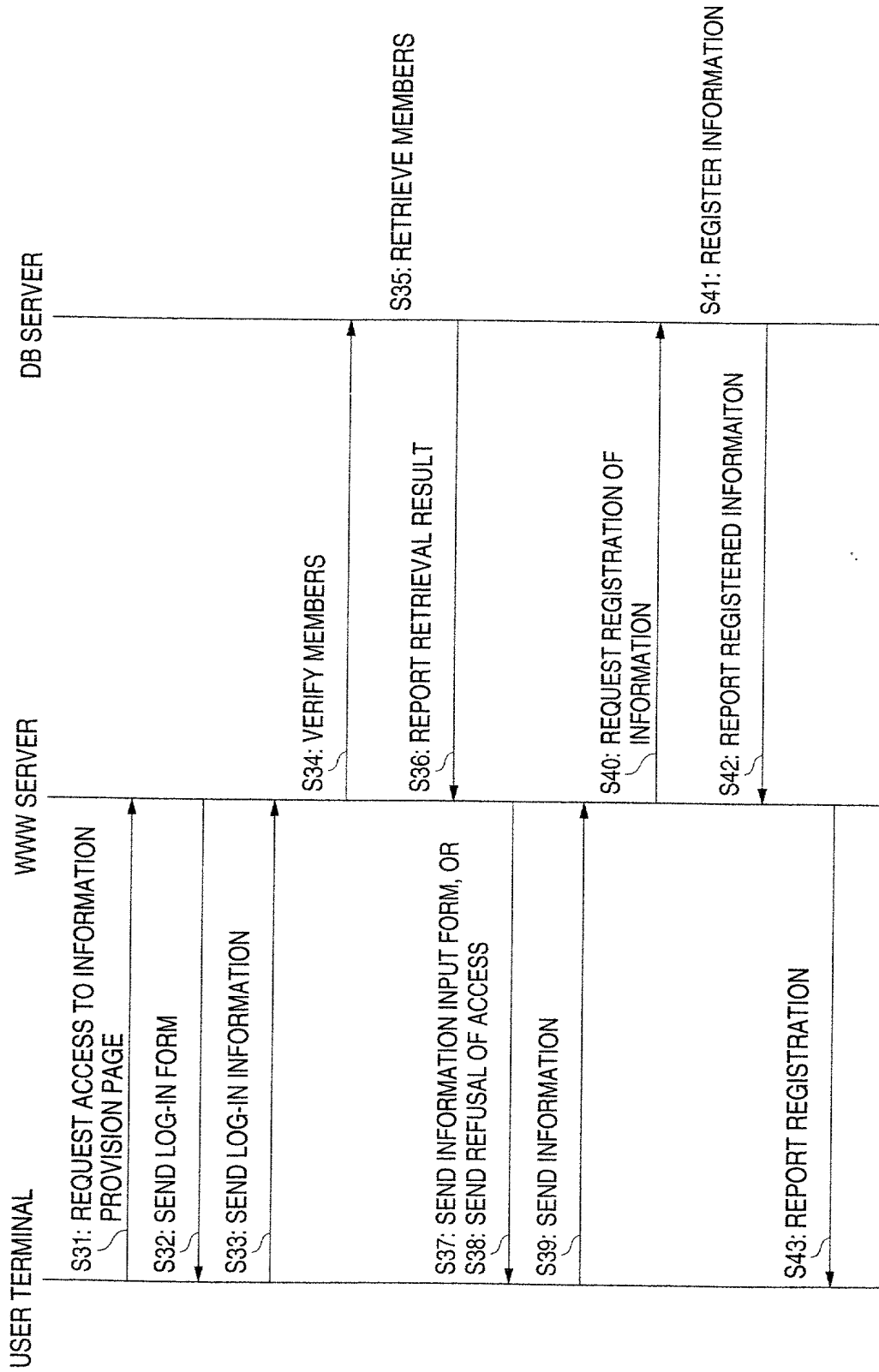


FIG. 12

